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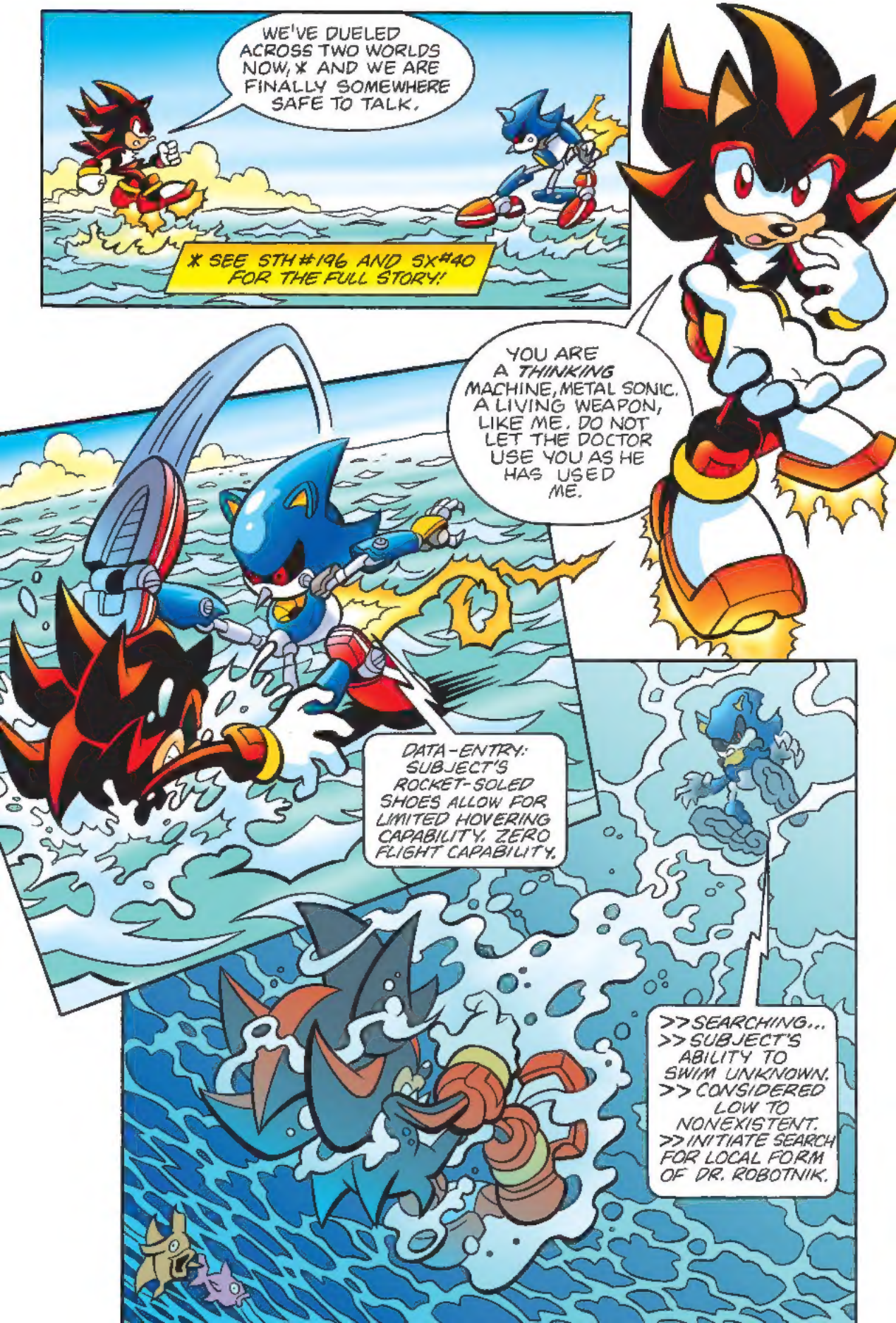
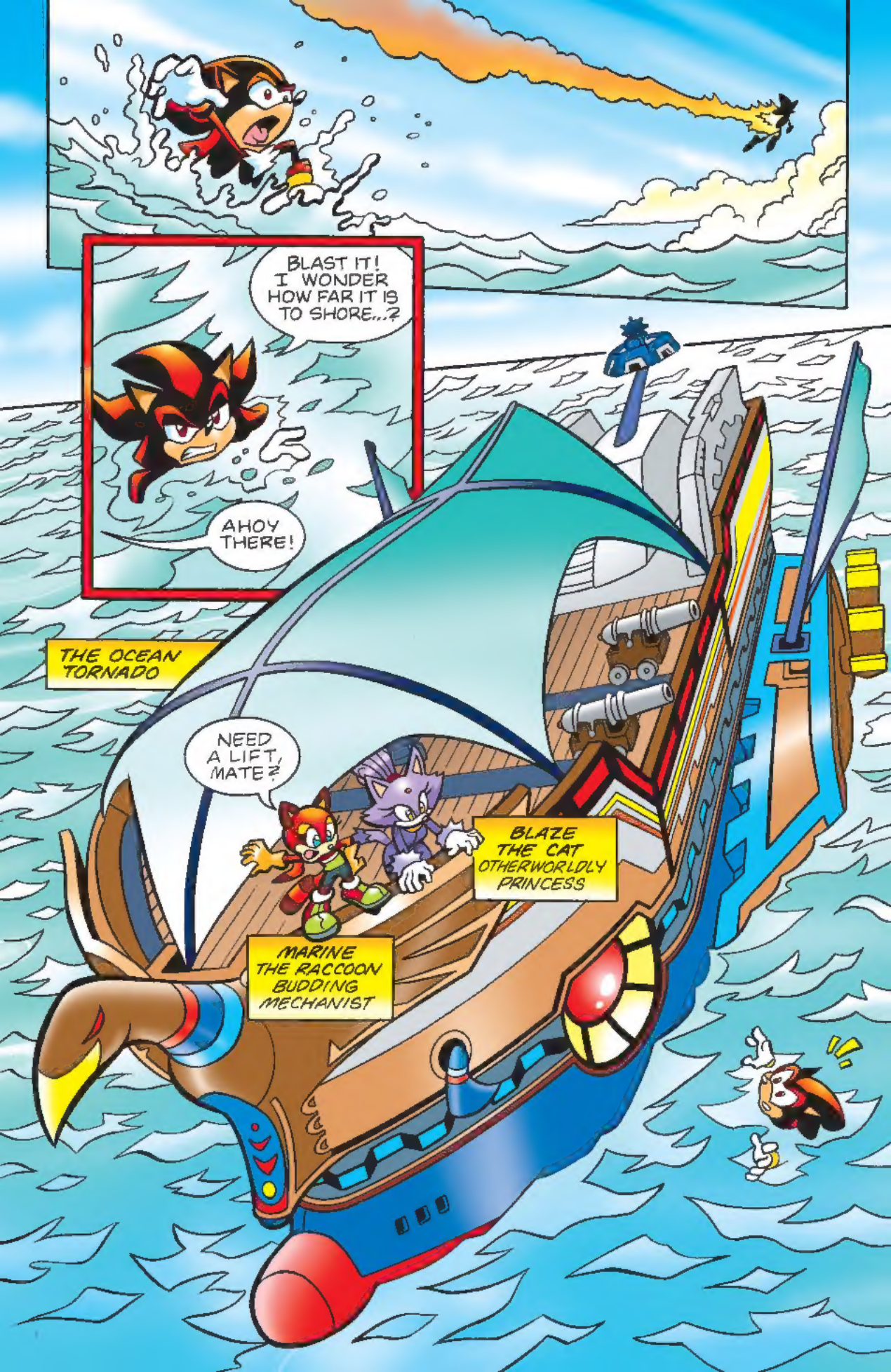
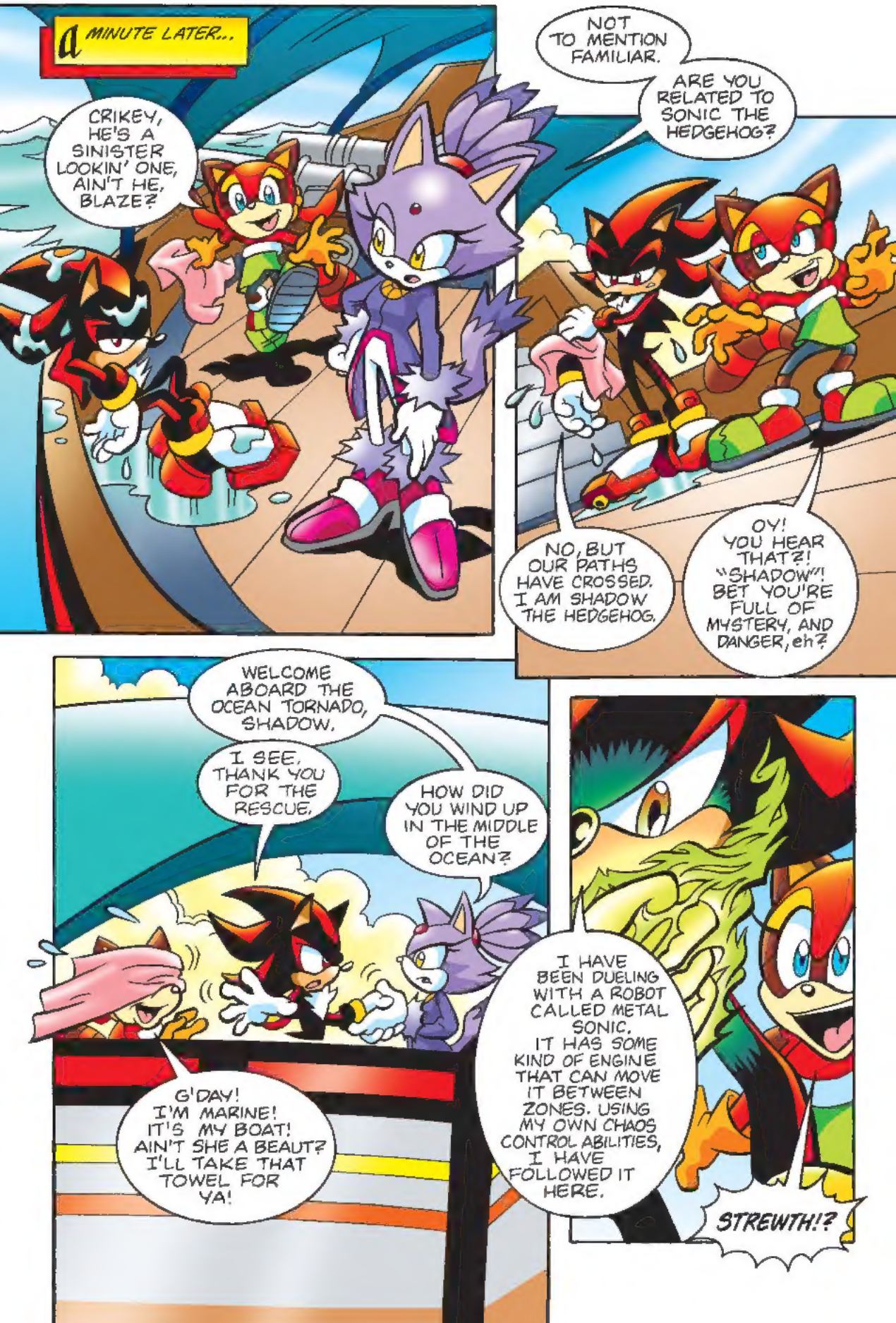
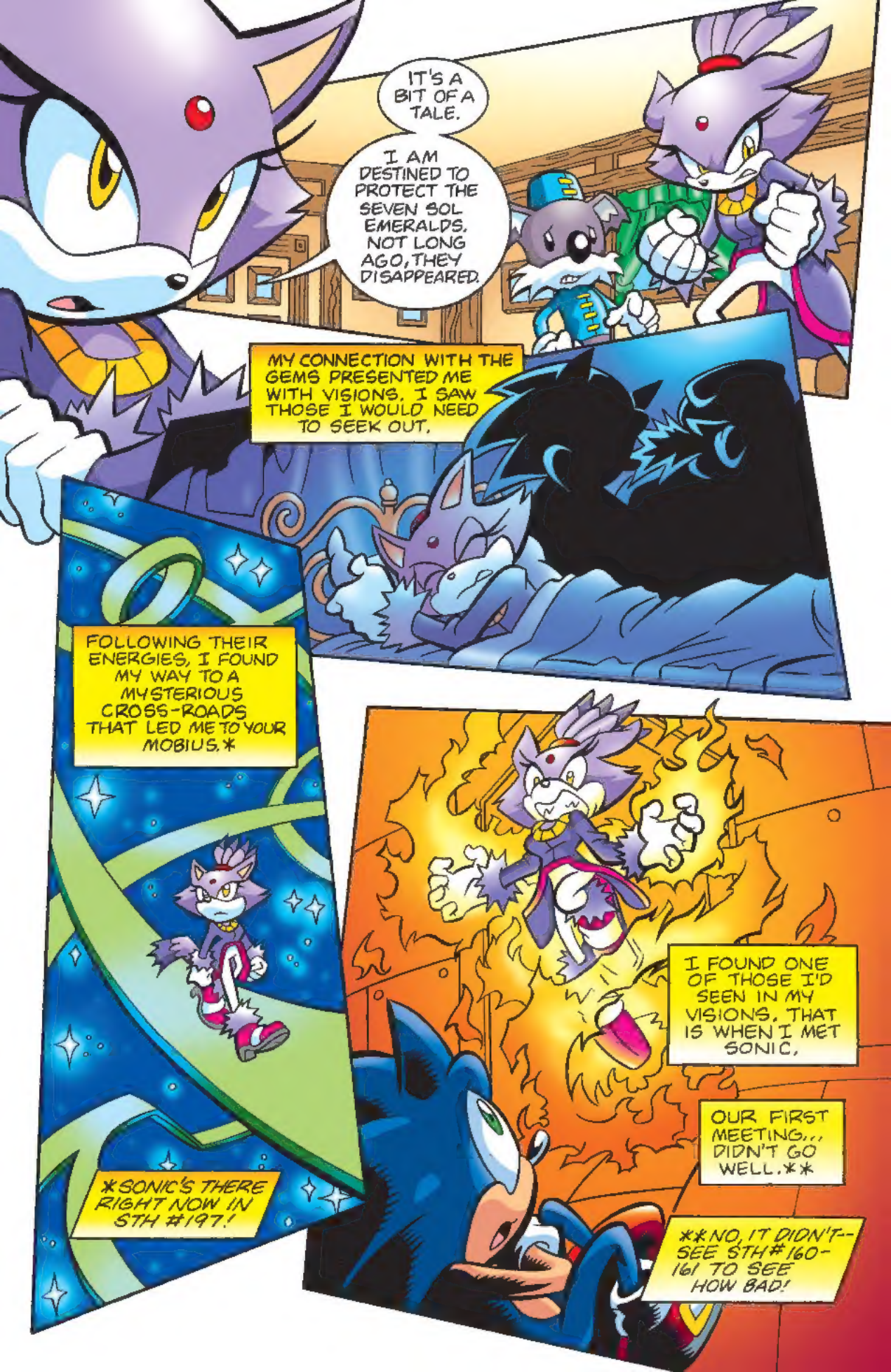
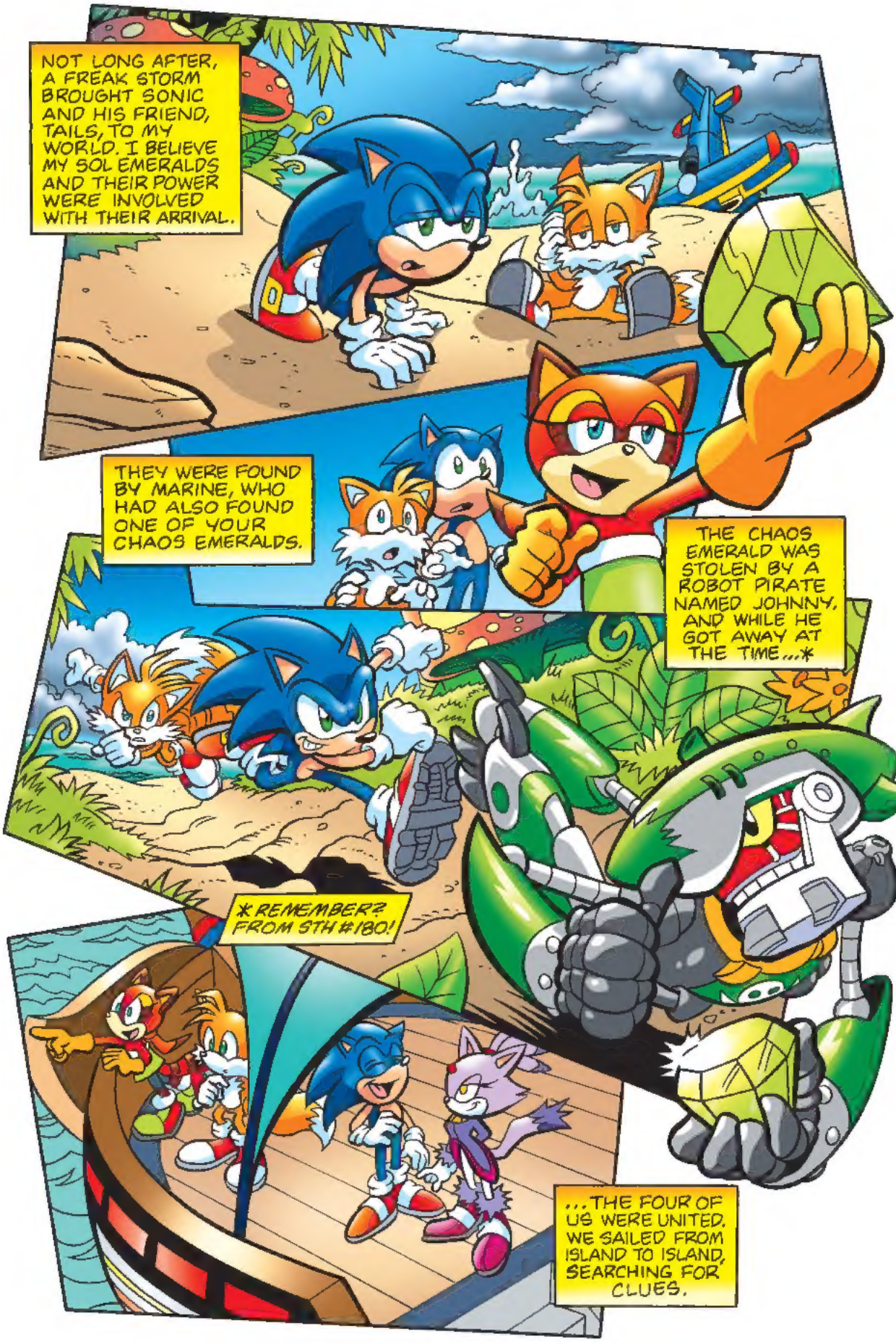

WE'VE DUELED ACROSS TWO WORLDS NOW, * AND WE ARE FINALLY SOMEWHERE SAFE TO TALK.
* SEE STH #196 AND SX #40 FOR THE FULL STORY!
YOU ARE A THINKING MACHINE, METAL SONIC. A LIVING WEAPON, LIKE ME. DO NOT LET THE DOCTOR USE YOU AS HE HAS USED ME.
DATA-ENTRY: SUBJECT'S ROCKET-SOLED SHOES ALLOW FOR LIMITED HOVERING CAPABILITY. ZERO FLIGHT CAPABILITY.
>> SEARCHING...
>> SUBJECT'S ABILITY TO SWIM UNKNOWN.
>> CONSIDERED LOW TO NONEXISTENT.
>> INITIATE SEARCH FOR LOCAL FORM OF DR. ROBOTNIK.


BLAST IT! I WONDER HOW FAR IT IS TO SHORE...?
AHOY THERE!
THE OCEAN TORNADO
NEED A LIFT, MATE?
BLAZE THE CAT
OTHERWORLDLY PRINCESS
MARINE THE RACCOON
BUDDING MECHANIST


a MINUTE LATER...
CRIKEY, HE'S A SINISTER LOOKIN' ONE, AIN'T HE, BLAZE?
NOT TO MENTION FAMILIAR.
ARE YOU RELATED TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?
NO, BUT OUR PATHS HAVE CROSSED. I AM SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG.
OY! YOU HEAR THAT?! "SHADOW"! BET YOU'RE FULL OF MYSTERY, AND DANGER, eh?
WELCOME ABOARD THE OCEAN TORNADO, SHADOW.
I SEE. THANK YOU FOR THE RESCUE.
HOW DID YOU WIND UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN?
G'DAY! I'M MARINE! IT'S MY BOAT! AIN'T SHE A BEAUT? I'LL TAKE THAT TOWEL FOR YA!
I HAVE BEEN DUELING WITH A ROBOT CALLED METAL SONIC. IT HAS SOME KIND OF ENGINE THAT CAN MOVE IT BETWEEN ZONES. USING MY OWN CHAOS CONTROL ABILITIES, I HAVE FOLLOWED IT HERE.
STREWTH!?

I ASSUME "HERE" IS NOT MOBIUS?
I'M AFRAID NOT. MY NAME IS BLAZE, AND THIS IS MY WORLD.
SHE'S A PRINCESS!
AND THIS IS MARINE...
I ALREADY TOLD HIM THAT!
...WHO HELPED TO CONSTRUCT THIS SHIP,
AND CAPTAIN IT!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU CAPTAIN US TOWARDS THE NEAREST PORT, MARIE?
THAT'S "MARINE", YA HALF-EMPTY GULLY SACK. AND MAYBE I WILL.
WHAT CAN I SAY? IT'S HER SHIP.
Hmph. TELL ME--IF THIS IS YOUR WORLD, HOW DO YOU KNOW SONIC?


IT'S A BIT OF A TALE.
I AM DESTINED TO PROTECT THE SEVEN SOL EMERALDS. NOT LONG AGO, THEY DISAPPEARED.
MY CONNECTION WITH THE GEMS PRESENTED ME WITH VISIONS. I SAW THOSE I WOULD NEED TO SEEK OUT.
FOLLOWING THEIR ENERGIES, I FOUND MY WAY TO A MYSTERIOUS CROSS-ROADS THAT LED ME TO YOUR MOBIUS.*
*SONIC'S THERE RIGHT NOW IN STH #197!
I FOUND ONE OF THOSE I'D SEEN IN MY VISIONS. THAT IS WHEN I MET SONIC.
OUR FIRST MEETING... DIDN'T GO WELL.**
**NO, IT DIDN'T-- SEE STH #160-161 TO SEE HOW BAD!

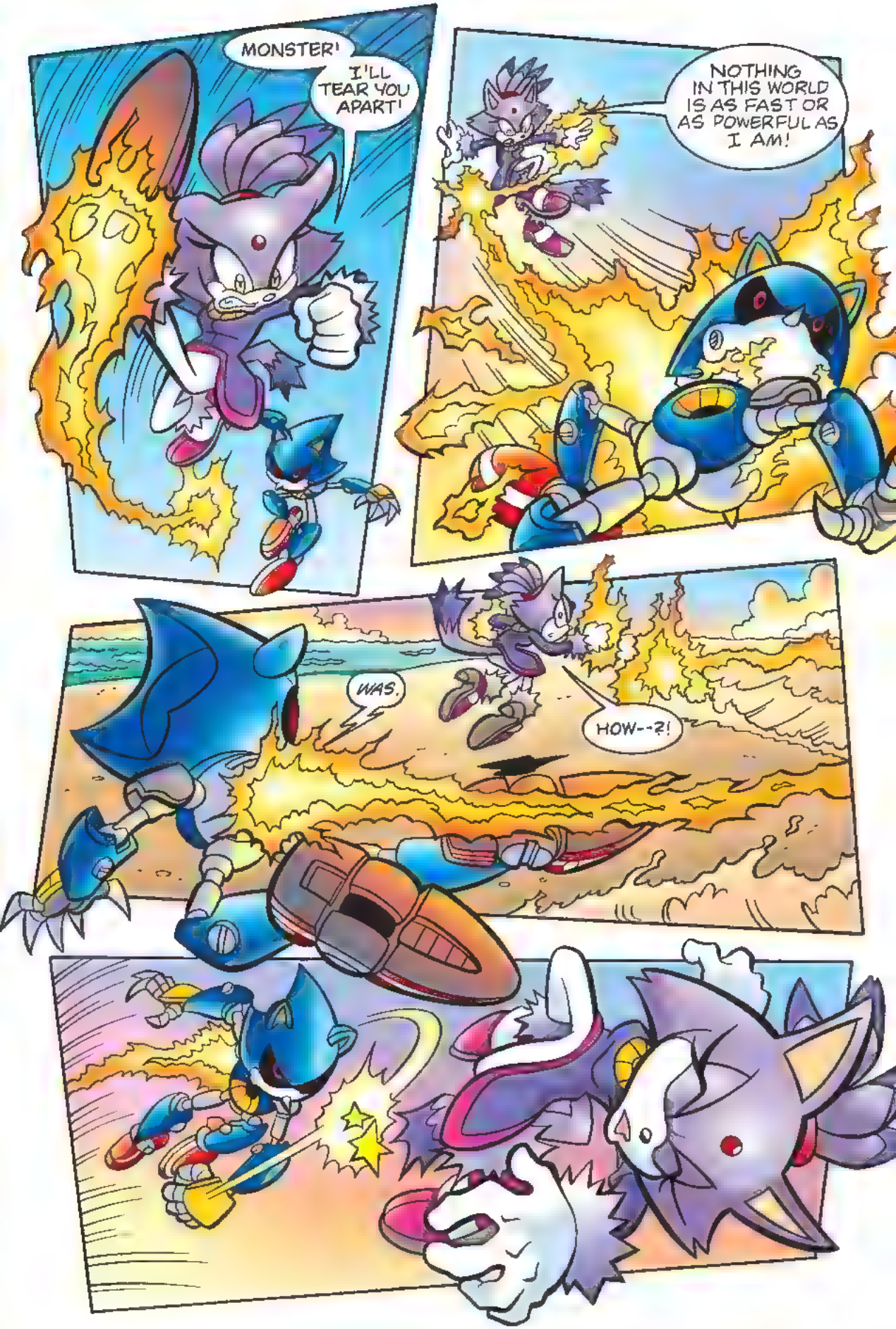

NOT LONG AFTER, A FREAK STORM BROUGHT SONIC AND HIS FRIEND, TAILS, TO MY WORLD. I BELIEVE MY SOL EMERALDS AND THEIR POWER WERE INVOLVED WITH THEIR ARRIVAL.
THEY WERE FOUND BY MARINE, WHO HAD ALSO FOUND ONE OF YOUR CHAOS EMERALDS.
THE CHAOS EMERALD WAS STOLEN BY A ROBOT PIRATE NAMED JOHNNY, AND WHILE HE GOT AWAY AT THE TIME...*
*REMEMBER? FROM STH #180!
...THE FOUR OF US WERE UNITED. WE SAILED FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND, SEARCHING FOR CLUES.

WE TRACKED DOWN THE PIRATE LEADER, CAPTAIN WHISKERS, AND THE VILLAIN WHO WAS ORCHESTRATING EVERYTHING. WE CONFRONTED THEM...
STREWTH! AND THEN I WENT ALL CRAZY ON 'EM AND SAVED THE DAY!
OOOOH!
I hope she'll be my best friend!
THEN SONIC, BEIN' THE BONZER BLOKE HE IS, GAVE THE CHAOS EMERALD TO BLAZE SO SHE COULD FIND THE OTHER SOL EMERALDS AND I BUILT THEM A BOAT TO TAKE THEM HOME AND TAILS WAS SO IMPRESSED HE COULDN'T SPEAK!
STREWTH. PROMISE.

WOULD YOU PLEASE JUST PULL US INTO PORT?
BLIMEY! YOU TRY TO TELL A GOOD STORY AND THEY CRAWL ALL OVER YOU...
PERHAPS MY MISSION CAN BE SALVAGED AFTER ALL.
WHAT MISSION?
I WAS TRYING TO BREACH THE SPECIAL ZONE AND ACQUIRE A CHAOS EMERALD BEFORE I WAS SIDE-TRACKED BY METAL SONIC.
I SEE.
ONCE WE'RE TOPSIDE ON SOUTHERN ISLAND, I CAN...
OY! BLAZE!
WHAT, MARINE?
...DO YOU SMELL SMOKE?

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! THE CAPTAIN MUST HAVE A DEATH WISH.
PRINCESS! THANK HEAVENS! IT CAME FROM NOWHERE...
I'M SURE YOU FOUGHT BRAVELY. IS IT WHISKERS' CREW?
NO! SOMETHING WORSE! IT KEEPS DEMANDING TO SEE A DOCTOR, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHO...
RESIDENT, YOU WILL PROVIDE THIS UNIT WITH THE LOCATION OF YOUR DR. ROBOTNIK. YOU WILL COMPLY IMMEDIATELY.

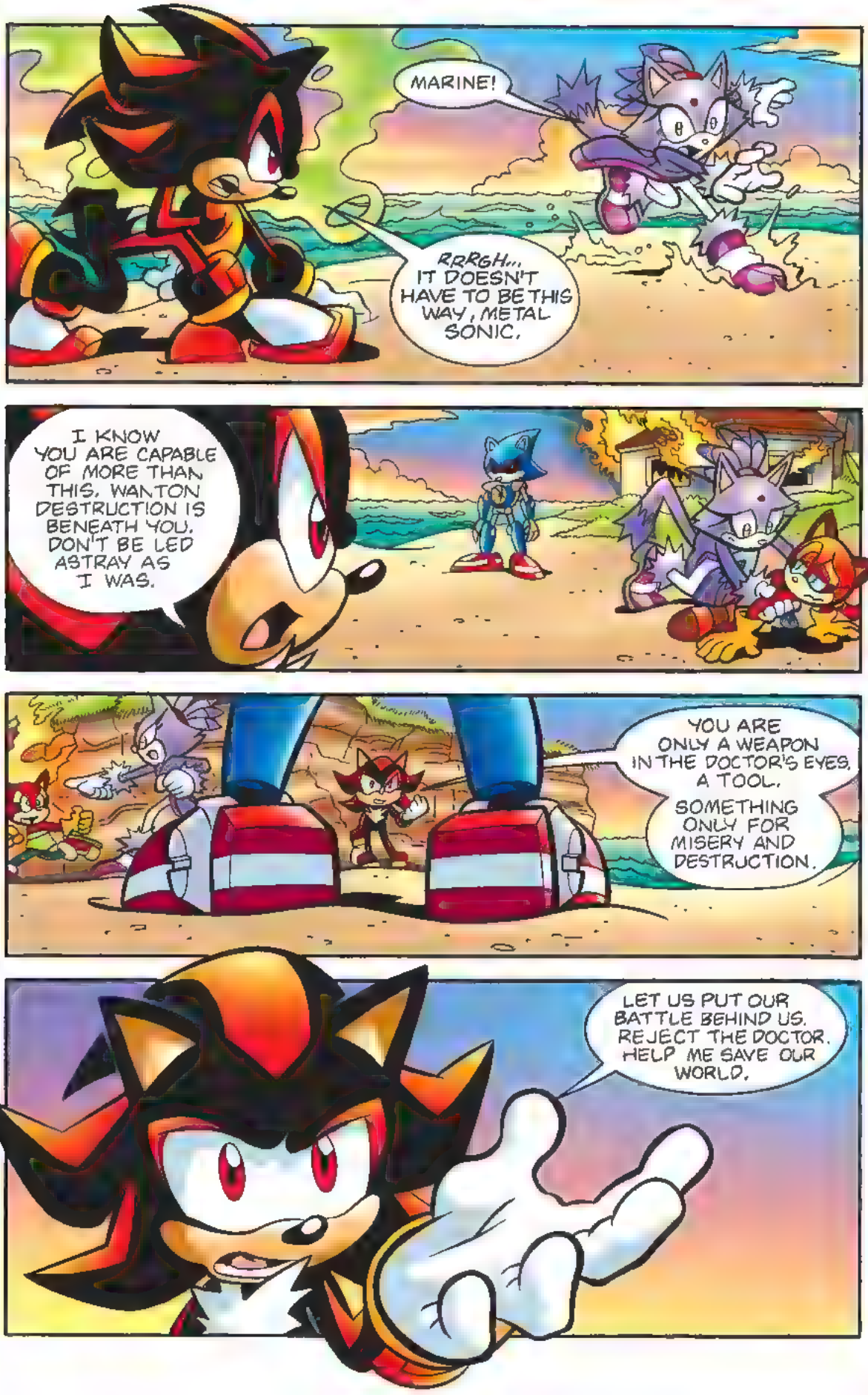
YOUR "METAL SONIC"?
YES. HOPEFULLY I CAN REASON WITH IT AND MAKE IT BACK DOWN.
IT IS ATTACKING MY PEOPLE.
IT DOESN'T GET A CHANCE TO BACK DOWN!
>>HOSTILES DETECTED. >>ENGAGING.
WOO-KOW


MONSTER!
I'LL TEAR YOU APART!
NOTHING IN THIS WORLD IS AS FAST OR AS POWERFUL AS I AM!
WAS.
HOW--?!

I AM SORRY I BROUGHT THIS UPON YOUR WORLD.
IT WILL BE REMOVED JUST AS EASILY.
CHAOS--!
?!?

HA!
I GOTCHA NOW! YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE ANGERING THE GREAT CAPTAIN MARINE!
TAKE THAT! AND THAT! SORRY NOW, YA SHINY JERKZ
!
WHEEEE! I MEAN-- CUT THAT OUT!
YOU WON'T THROW ME OFF THAT EASILY!
CLUD

CHAOS--!
--SPEAR-HRK!
MOVE, MARY!
I'M WORKIN' HERE! AND IT'S "MARINE"!
SKYOW!
ARGH!
CRIKEY!

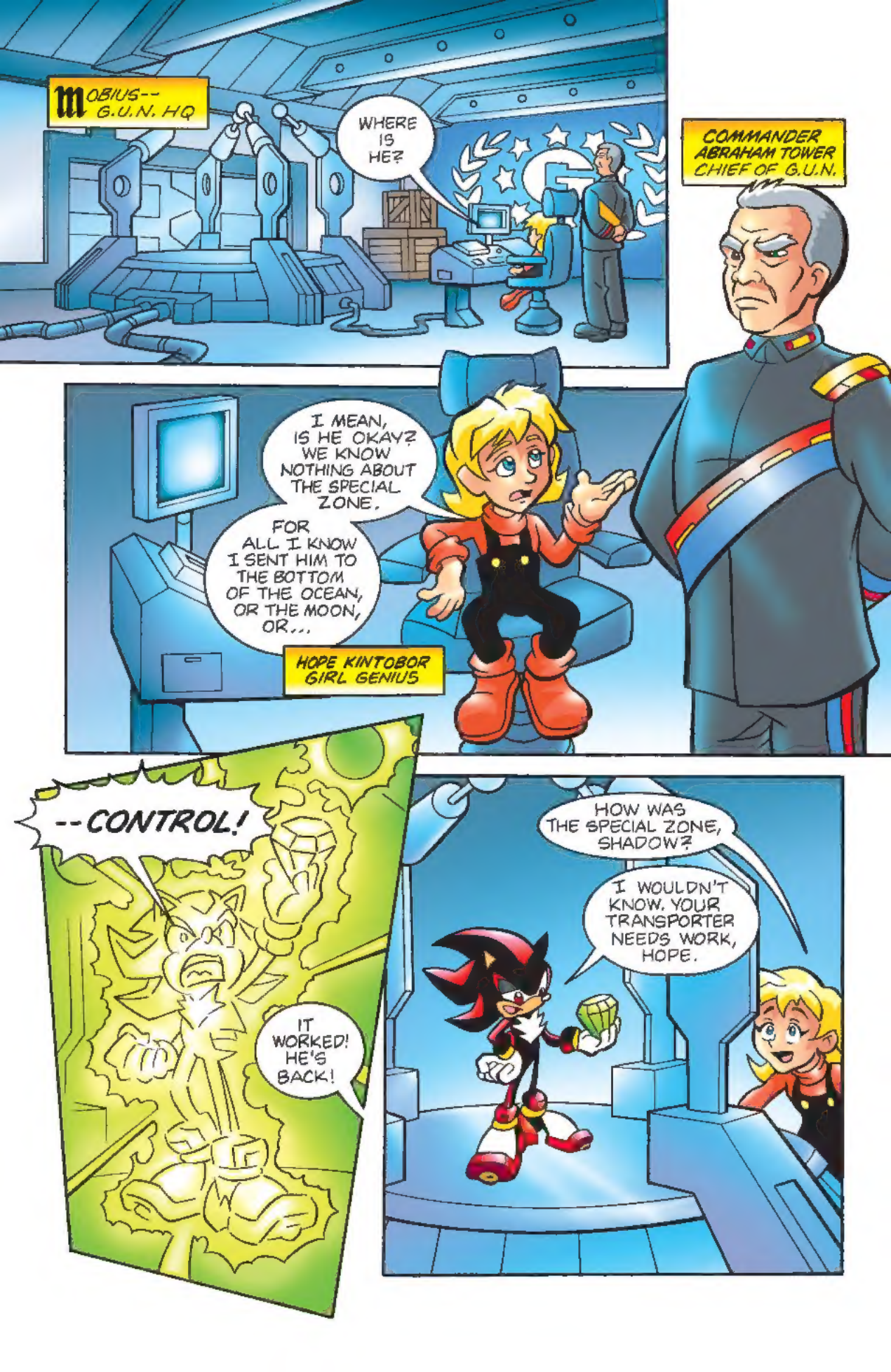

MARINE!
RRRGH... IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY, METAL SONIC.
I KNOW YOU ARE CAPABLE OF MORE THAN THIS. WANTON DESTRUCTION IS BENEATH YOU. DON'T BE LED ASTRAY AS I WAS.
YOU ARE ONLY A WEAPON IN THE DOCTOR'S EYES, A TOOL.
SOMETHING ONLY FOR MISERY AND DESTRUCTION.
LET US PUT OUR BATTLE BEHIND US. REJECT THE DOCTOR. HELP ME SAVE OUR WORLD.

>>PROCESSING.
YOUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT MOBIUS. THAT IS YOUR "FUNCTION".
I SUPPOSE. YES.
THIS UNIT'S FUNCTION IS TO SERVE DR. ROBOTNIK. BOTH LIVING WEAPONS. BOTH OPERATING TO ACHIEVE THEIR FUNCTION.
YOU ARE NOT DIFFERENT. YOU SIMPLY HAVE AN OPPOSING FUNCTION. THIS UNIT MUST DESTROY YOU. YOU MUST DESTROY THIS UNIT.
I REALLY WISH YOU DID NOT SEE IT THAT WAY.

NOW, BLAZE!
FWOOMP
POW
NICE KNOWIN' YOU, MATE.
ALL CANNONS-- FIRE!
KOOM
BLAM

SHORTLY...
YAHOO!!!
THAT WAS RIPPER! DID YOU SEE HOW HE BLEW UP?!
YES, ALONG WITH THE DIMENSIONAL ENGINE THAT WAS MY ONLY WAY HOME.
Ah! RIGHT... Hrm.
SINCE YOU BLEW IT UP, PERHAPS YOU COULD BUILD ME A BOAT AS YOU DID TAILS?
Ah... SEE... IT WAS MORE LIKE HE BUILT IT AND I... OVERSAW... DEVELOPMENT?

BE PATIENT WITH HER. SHE MEANS WELL.
A CHAOS EMERALD!
YOU'RE GIVING IT TO ME FREELY?
THANKS TO SONIC'S GENEROSITY, I'VE FOUND A FEW OF THE SOL EMERALDS. THEY'LL SERVE FOR THE REST OF MY SEARCH.
NOW I CAN RETURN THE FAVOR BY HELPING ONE OF HIS FRIENDS FIND HIS WAY HOME.
FRIEND...? I SUPPOSE.
IT'S NOT OFTEN MY LIFE IS SAVED TWICE IN ONE DAY.
THANK YOU, PRINCESS.
PLEASE, JUST CALL ME BLAZE. SAFE TRAVELS, SHADOW.
CHAOS--!


MOBIUS-- G.U.N. HQ
WHERE IS HE?
COMMANDER ABRAHAM TOWER CHIEF OF G.U.N.
I MEAN, IS HE OKAY? WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE SPECIAL ZONE.
FOR ALL I KNOW I SENT HIM TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN, OR THE MOON, OR...
HOPE KINTOBOR GIRL GENIUS
--CONTROL!
IT WORKED! HE'S BACK!
HOW WAS THE SPECIAL ZONE, SHADOW?
I WOULDN'T KNOW. YOUR TRANSPORTER NEEDS WORK, HOPE.

THEN WHERE DID THIS...?
AGENT SHADOW.
COMMANDER TOWER, SIR. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO BECOMING MY TOP AGENT. ANY TROUBLE?
NONE, ASIDE FROM CROSSING THREE ZONES AND NEUTRALIZING THE LATEST METAL SONIC.
BUT HE GOT A CHAOS EMERALD LIKE YOU ASKED HIM TO!
PRECISELY.
GOOD JOB, AGENT SHADOW.
REST UP. YOUR NEXT MISSION DEPARTS *TONIGHT.*
That's the end of another Metal Sonic, but what about the real one?
It's a race against time and a glance to the past in the next
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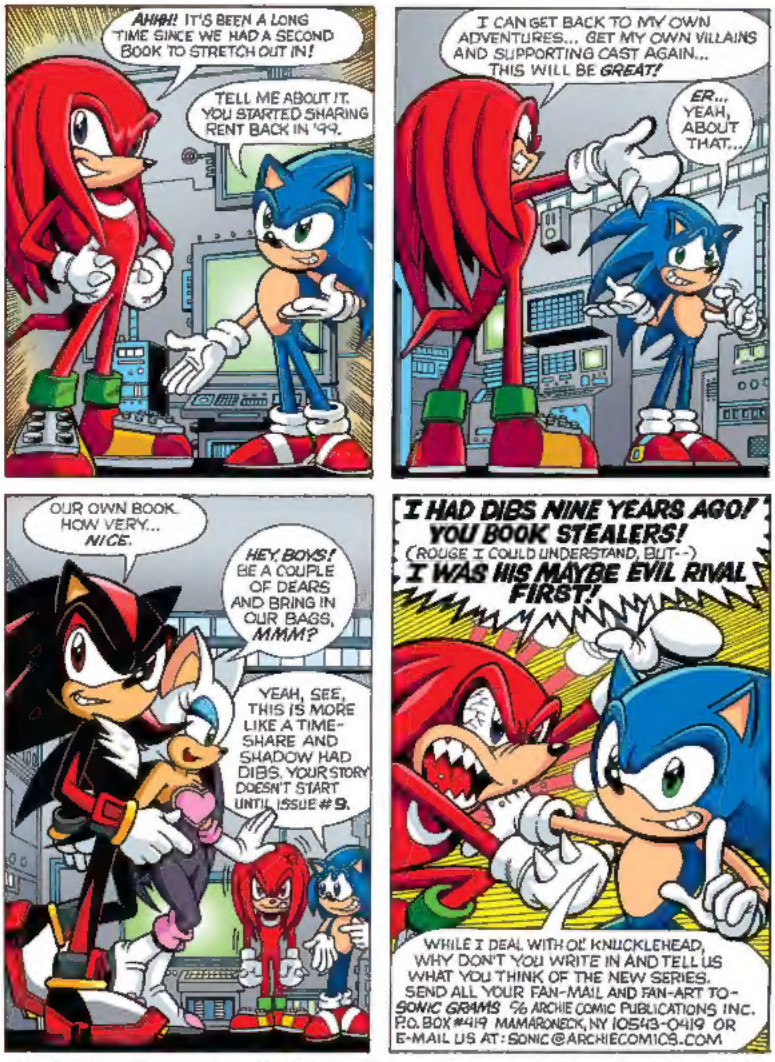
AHHH! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HAD A SECOND BOOK TO STRETCH OUT IN!
TELL ME ABOUT IT. YOU STARTED SHARING RENT BACK IN '99.
I CAN GET BACK TO MY OWN ADVENTURES... GET MY OWN VILLAINS AND SUPPORTING CAST AGAIN... THIS WILL BE GREAT!
ER... YEAH, ABOUT THAT...
OUR OWN BOOK. HOW VERY... NICE.
HEY, BOYS! BE A COUPLE OF DEARS AND BRING IN OUR BAGS, MMM?
YEAH, SEE, THIS IS MORE LIKE A TIME-SHARE AND SHADOW HAD DIBS. YOUR STORY DOESN'T START UNTIL ISSUE #9.
I HAD DIBS NINE YEARS AGO! YOU BOOK STEALERS!
(ROUGE I COULD UNDERSTAND, BUT--)
I WAS HIS MAYBE EVIL RIVAL FIRST!
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